

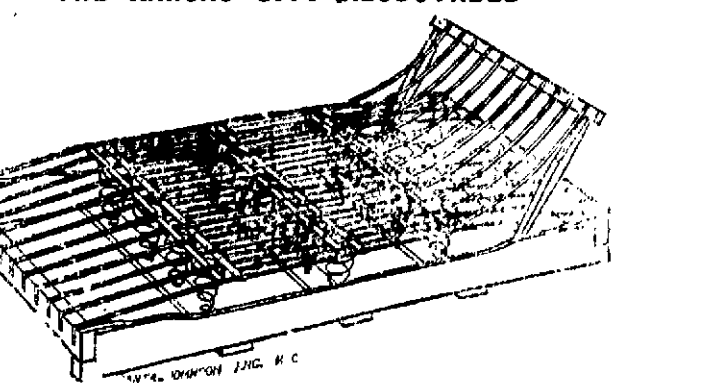
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CONCLUSION OF THE HACKETT TRIAL.
Speeches by Counsel.
This case, which was commenced on Tuesday last week, came to a close, and was given to the jury last evening about 6 o'clock. The testimony, all of which, except some which was comparatively unimportant, has appeared in our columns, was closed on Wednesday at 6 o'clock, p. m., and on the evening of that day State's Attorney Buckingham made the opening speech to the jury, occupying about two hours and a half, the court having limited counsel to five hours on a side. The address of the prosecuting attorney, though earnest, was characterized by candor, and was in all respects able and highly creditable to its author. The review of the testimony was careful and critical, and its bearing upon the case was presented in a clear and forcible manner. At the conclusion of Mr. Buckingham's address court adjourned to 8 o'clock on Thursday morning.
At the opening of court on Thursday, Mr. Thomas Lee addressed the jury in behalf of the defense, occupying about an hour and three quarters. Mr. Lee fully maintained his reputation as an earnest, able lawyer, and made the most of the time he occupied.
He was followed in behalf of the defense by Hon. A. H. Bunn, who, notwithstanding his previous high standing as one of the most effective counsel before a jury in this part of the state, really went beyond himself and made one of the ablest efforts of his life. A more able analysis of testimony could not have been made than that made by Mr. Bunn in this case. In a word, the argument was thoroughly exhaustive, and contained many eloquent and thrilling passages, and was listened to from first to last with the deepest attention. The noon adjournment took place about the middle of this address, which was concluded at about half-past two o'clock.
Mr. W. C. Johns, who was associated with Mr. Buckingham in the prosecution, then made the concluding speech in behalf of The People, occupying about two hours and a half. The address of Mr. J. was clear and logical, showing a ready comprehension of the case. His presentation of the testimony and his comments thereon, together with the exposition of the law, showed him to be a workman in his profession of no ordinary ability. At the conclusion of Mr. John's address the court read the instructions to the jury, which were very full and comprehensive on both sides. At about a quarter past 6 the case, together with the papers relating thereto, were given to the jury, and they retired to their room.
At about 9 o'clock in the evening they came into court for further instructions, upon receiving which they again retired and continued their deliberations until about 8 o'clock this morning, when they informed the officer having them in charge that they had agreed upon a verdict. The news spread rapidly through the city, and in a few moments the court house was thronged with visitors desiring to know the fate of the prisoner. On the arrival of Judge Smith the jury came in and passed the paper containing the result of their deliberations to the court, who, after examining it, read in substance the following verdict:
"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of manslaughter, and as a punishment assign him to imprisonment in the penitentiary for the term of eight years."
The prisoner, who upon information that the jury had agreed, was at once brought into court, seemed not to be particularly moved by the announcement of the verdict.
Mr. Lee, one of his attorneys, moved for a new trial, and asked that the jury be held until the presence of Mr. Bunn could be secured, which request was granted.
Annual Meeting—Officers Elected.
The annual meeting of the Decatur Savings Fund Building and Loan Association took place last evening at the county treasurer's office, on which occasion the following persons were elected directors:
Joseph Mills, K. H. Roby, C. A. Ewing, K. Harwood, C. L. Griswold, C. P. Thatcher, J. W. Bateman, H. M. Whitmer and W. B. Chambers.
Joseph Mills was elected president and B. K. Durlow secretary and treasurer.
\$1,700 were loaned at an average of 25 per cent. premium.
The Festival Last Night.—The first strawberry festival of the season came off last evening in the lecture-room of the First M. E. church, under the auspices of the young ladies of that society. To say that the affair was a grand success is only telling the simple truth. There was a large company in attendance, and the tables were liberally patronized. The supply of strawberries, cake and cream was abundant, and of quality that it would be hard to beat. The occasion was also a very pleasant one socially, and we congratulate the young ladies upon their success.
The Dance Last Night.—The ball of last evening, given by the Neptune hose boys, was a very pleasant affair, being well attended by a select party. The committee of arrangements did themselves credit in the management, and all present entered into the festivities of the hour with the best of feeling. In the wee small hours the company separated with pleasant recollections of the occasion.
A Large Lot of new prints, at 6¢ cents, at Linn & Scruggs.
Dec 13 dwtf

DECORATION DAY.
The veterans of the late war held a meeting at Fireman's Hall Thursday evening, May 24th, under the auspices of the military committee, to make preparations for Decoration Day.
Capt. R. P. Lytle was called to the chair and J. A. Barnes appointed Secretary.
On motion Capt. Lytle was chosen Captain of the company, with power to appoint all subordinate officers except Lieutenants and orderly sergeant.
W. H. Wilson was elected 1st Lieutenant, Geo. Stoy 2d Lieutenant, and J. A. Barnes, orderly sergeant.
The following names were then enrolled:
R. P. Lytle
W. H. Wilson
Geo. Stoy
J. A. Barnes
John Cassell
W. P. Stoner
D. M. Burila
Wm. Albert
J. W. Hartley
W. W. Foster
Geo. S. Durlow
Col. Lockwood
W. L. Carter
Wm. J. Spry
Geo. F. Nichols
E. F. Brown
A. B. Hall
B. F. Nave
H. Lyon
J. R. Boyer
A. Diehl
Paul Smith
John Kenckman
W. H. Shorb
Edwin May
W. D. Stephens
A. Wiley
Eugene Boone
Henry May
Samuel Bodley
Andrew Kepler
S. H. Reagan
Frank Hall
On motion the 2d Lieutenant was appointed a committee of one to procure music for the next drill.
On motion the company adjourned to meet Friday evening, May 25th, at 7 o'clock, for drill.
Wedding in Church.—Last evening a very pleasant affair came off at the Christian Church, it being the occasion of the union in marriage of Elder W. F. Richardson, pastor of the Christian Church in Pontiac, with Miss Leora Emerson, of this city, daughter of the late Judge Emerson, Elder N. S. Haynes officiating.
At 8 o'clock, the hour set for the ceremony, the church was filled with the friends of the parties, and soon after the bride and groom appeared in the vestibule. In this case the usual bridesmaids and groomsmen were dispensed with. Soon after the appearance of the parties to be joined in marriage in the vestibule, they were escorted to the centre aisle by Mr. Holmes Cloyd and Mr. Charles Tyler, who officiated as ushers, and took their places in front of the pulpit platform, with the escort on the right and left. Here by a very simple and impressive ceremony the two were made one, whereupon they retired from the church, and the company separated.
The bride was beautifully, though plainly attired, as was also the groom—in plain conventional black.
After the ceremonies at the church, the bride and groom, with about forty invited guests, repaired to the residence of Mr. J. W. Ham, corner of Edwards and Eldorado streets, where an elegant supper was served about 10 o'clock. The evening was very pleasantly passed in a social way, and the gathering here was a pleasant sequel to the marriage ceremonies at the church.
Mrs. Richardson, that now is, has a large circle of acquaintances in this city, where she has always made her home. She is a graduate of our high school, and also of Eureka College, where she finished her education. She is a young lady of culture and refinement, which, coupled with an amiable character, fit her for the duties of her new position. The newly married pair take with them the best wishes of their many friends. We understand that after visiting a few friends in different places, they are to repair to the scene of Mr. R.'s labors at Pontiac, where he is held in high esteem by his people.
Wanted.—An experienced elderly woman, as housekeeper. Enquire at the residence of S. Overmire, corner South College and Macon streets, or at the office of Overmire & Kaufman, over Decatur National Bank.
May 24 d2
For Sale or Trade.—One of the best boarding-houses in the city, by OVERMIRE & KAUFMAN, over Decatur Nat'l Bank.
May 24 d2
Ice Cream made of pure cream, packed in ice and delivered in any part of the city by E. W. Wood.
May 19 d1f
Cornices and window shades, in exchange for second-hand heating stoves, furniture, etc., at Asby's, opera block.
May 24 d1w1
Second-hand Cooking Stoves, for summer kitchen; for sale or trade, at Asby's, Opera Block.
May 14 d1f
Rustic Chairs, garden and porch seats, etc., at Asby's.
May 24 d1f w1
German Class.—Miss Anna Holt will give lessons in German, in the room over Keeler's hat store, (formerly Esq. Hughes' office. For particulars enquire at the rooms as above, from five to seven and a half o'clock, in the evening.
March 17—34m
Croquet.—John C. Mark has a full line of croquet sets, of different prices, and also new styles of picture frames and mouldings, all of which he is selling very cheap. Call and examine these goods before purchasing.
May 9 d1f
For a good substantial lunch, or warm meal, go to the New Restaurant, 28 East Main street.
[may 23 d2w
The Handomest and Cheapest BLACK SILKS ever opened in Decatur, at April 7 d1f LINN & SCRUGGS.

CHIEF OF POLICE.
The Illinois Midland Railway will give a grand excursion to Peoria, on Sunday next, May 27th, leaving Decatur at 8 in the morning, and arriving at Peoria at noon. Returning, will leave Peoria at 7 in the evening, reaching Decatur at 11 at night. Fare for the round trip from Decatur, Maroa, Kenney, Dunham, Waynesville and Atlanta \$1.60. Center, Arrington and Minter, 75 cents, Mackinaw 50 cents, Morton 85 cents. For particulars see large bills, or apply to J. F. Redfield, Freight Agent, Decatur, May 24 d8
CIRCUIT COURT.
May Term, 1877.
FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 25.
Court convened at 8 o'clock, a. m. After receiving the verdict in the case of The People vs. Michael Hackett, an account of which will be found in another place, the following cases received attention as indicated below:
CHANCERY DOCKET.
Lucien D. Allen vs. Richard L. Smith, et al.; chancery. Cause heard by court; decree pro confesso.
Jane Blythe vs. Wm. Blythe; divorce. Decree pro confesso.
Heater E. Peterson vs. Nelson Peterson; divorce. Decree pro confesso.
Mary M. Hellman vs. Henry Hellman; divorce. Decree pro confesso.
Mary F. Booth vs. Elijah Booth; divorce. Proof of publication made.
Emma H. Peske vs. Chas. E. Peske; divorce. Decree pro confesso.
COMMON LAW DOCKET.
William Cantrill vs. J. R. Ash and Walter Turner. Default taken. Court assessed damages at \$98; debt \$55.
Frederick N. Hamlin, et al., for the use of &c., vs. Alexander T. Hill; debt. Continued by agreement.
Court adjourned to Monday, June 4th, at 11 o'clock, p. m.
Adjudged Insane.—Christopher Sibthorpe, of Illinois township, was brought before Judge Greer by his brother, with a request that an inquiry be instituted according to law concerning the sanity of the said Christopher. A jury was empaneled and the evidence adduced being sufficient to establish the fact that he was a lunatic, a verdict to that effect was rendered. The unfortunate man is an Englishman by birth, unmarried, and has evidently been of rather weak mind heretofore. A few days ago he attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself, but was discovered in time to save him from death.
Lost.—A white lace pocket handkerchief, between the residence of Rev. Mr. Buck and Stapp's Chapel parsonage. The handkerchief had a small center, surrounded with wide lace. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at this office, or with Rev. W. D. Best.
May 25—46
THE BEST COMES LAST.
The last concert of the season will be given by the singers of Decatur, at the Opera House, Friday evening, June 1st. Mrs. Jennie M. Jewett, the celebrated soloist of Chicago, has been engaged for the occasion. The chorus will consist of over seventy-five singers. The concert will be under the direction of Prof. S. M. Lutz. Admission 50 cents; gallery 25 cents. Reserved seats at Abbott's jewelry store without extra charge.
May 24 w1 d1w
Best Prints, 10 yards for \$1.00, at S. Einstein's.
[May 17 d1w
Grand Excursion to Springfield.—Be sure you go to Springfield with the grand excursion, which comes off on Thursday, May 31st. This will afford a rare opportunity to visit the new State House, the Lincoln Monument, the Watch Factory and Steel Works, together with whatever there is in the capital city of the State. Cars leave the depot in Decatur at 8 o'clock, a. m., and leave Springfield to return at 8 o'clock, p. m. Fare for the round trip, only \$1.00; for children under 12 years, 50 cents.
[May 22 d8d
Wanted.—Employment a portion or all of his time as book-keeper, salesman, or otherwise. Address L., Republican office.
March 23 d1f
Lost.—A bunch of keys, near the post office. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving them at this office.
May 21 d1w
No Humbug.—It should be generally known that *No Humbug* is the brand of the best five cent cigar in town, for sale at Martin's, 26 East Main street.
May 23 d1w
You can get a pair of ladies' kid side-lace shoes for \$2, at
BARBER & BAKER'S.
Men's fine Calf Boots, from \$3 to \$5, at Barber & Baker's.
March 23 d1w1w
TIME CARD
—FOR—
STREET CARS.
Leave Old Square at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30 a. m. And every 30 minutes up to 10:30 p. m.
For morning trains going North and West will leave Old Square at 5:00 a. m. For early morning train West will leave Depot at 5:30 a. m.
Leave Depot at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30 a. m. And every 30 minutes until 11:00 p. m.
Baggage conveyed to and from the depot, and calls made in time for all trains if orders are left at Priest's Hotel in time to take cars.
Trains to go on night or early morning trains must be delivered at Priest's Hotel by 9 o'clock p. m., or orders left for same by that time.
President H. R. By and C. O.
May 23, 1877—d1f

M. GOLDBURG
NO 8.
Merchant Street,
(OLD SQUARE)
Decatur, : : Illinois,
Is receiving almost daily, from the Largest importing House in New York,
Berlin Zephyrs!
CANVAS, PERFORATED CARD-BOARDS, PATTERNS, and everything in the line of
Cochetting and Embroidering,
By which he is enabled to keep the best assorted stock in that line; also,
In addition to the above, he keeps the best assortment of
CORSETS
Mrs. Moody's Abdominal Corset,
—AND—
FRENCH & DOMESTIC CORSETS
which are sold very cheap.
FANCY GOODS,
NOTIONS,
Ladies' White Underwear
—AND—
LINEN DRESSES,
All of which is sold cheaper than any lady can buy the material for. A good stock of
HOSIERY & GLOVES
A Splendid Kid, which is sold at 75 cents. Hamburg Edgings, from 3 cents upward.
A fine stock of
Fans, Parasols,
JEWELRY,
LACE BIBS, RUCHES, TIES, HAND-KECHIEFS, COLLARS and CUFFS,
and everything in his line of goods is sold at the Lowest Prices.
Paniers and Bustles.
A Large Stock on hand and made to order.
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No. 8 Merchant Street.
M. GOLDBURG.
May 22, 1877—d3m

1877 SPRING 1877
DRY GOODS!
CARPETS!
Oil Cloths, Window Shades, Luce Curtains, Satin, Damask, etc., etc.
LINN & SCRUGGS
Are receiving and have on Sale all the Novelties in British and French
DRESS GOODS,
Embracing every Shade and Grade, and at lower rates than have been offered since the War. Also a New and Elegant Stock of
CARPETS,
As low in price as they can be had anywhere in the United States.
Decatur, March 15, 1877—d3w1f
GOLD! GOLD!
Taken in exchange for
BOOTS AND SHOES
—AT—
L. L. FERRISS'S STORE,
or its equivalent in paper or silver, at One Dollar per pair on **BOOTS**, and Fifty cts. per pair on **SHOES**—less than any other store in Decatur is selling them. **ONE PRICE.**
Large invoices **BURT'S SHOES** just received.
L. L. FERRISS.
April 26, 1877—d3w1f
J. H. LEWIS & CO.
HAVE REMOVED
Their Stock of
QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE, TOYS AND NOTIONS,
—TO—
OPERA HOUSE BLOCK,
Opposite the Fountain, next door to the furniture store.
Decatur, March 12, 1877—d1f
OLD-FASHIONED
Square bar Soap is the most economical to use. Pressing and wrapping are of no possible benefit to Soap, but are done to make it look attractive and salable. *Procter & Gamble's Original Method* of making Soap is made of *Real Oil*, the best material known for producing a hard, serviceable and effective Soap. It is cut in one-pound bars, of convenient and economical shape, and not wrapped. The style in which this Soap is cut and packed saves all useless expense, enabling us to sell a superior Soap at much less per pound than you are now paying for an inferior article. Every bar of the genuine stamped "PROCTER & GAMBLE'S NOTED METHOD." Take no other. Sold every where.
THE KANSAS CITY ADJUSTABLE

SPRING BED BOTTOM!
Having purchased the right to manufacture the above-named **SPRING BED** for Northwestern Illinois, I am prepared to fill all orders promptly. (Interchange with R. ASHLEY will receive prompt attention.)
OFFICE AND MANUFACTORY—Corner Carro, Gordo and Franklin Sts., Decatur, Illinois.
Decatur, Ill., April 7, 1877—d1m3mo
S. A. UNDERWOOD.

